

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Domestic Violence affects every person in South Dakota either as a victim/survivor of domestic violence or as a family member, significant other, friend, neighbor, or co-workers; and,

*Whereas*, The lifetime prevalence of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner for South Dakota women is 33.7 percent according to the Centers for Disease Control; and,

*Whereas*, Volunteers, paid professionals, and community allies are working tirelessly to promote domestic violence awareness by offering educational programs to schools, churches, and civic organizations, as well as professional training to medical, mental health, law enforcement, education, and criminal justice personnel regarding domestic violence issues; and,

*Whereas*, Numerous domestic violence and sexual assault programs and other advocates of non-violence have joined together to support each other in their work and to provide the citizens of local communities and the state of South Dakota with a central source of information on domestic violence; and,

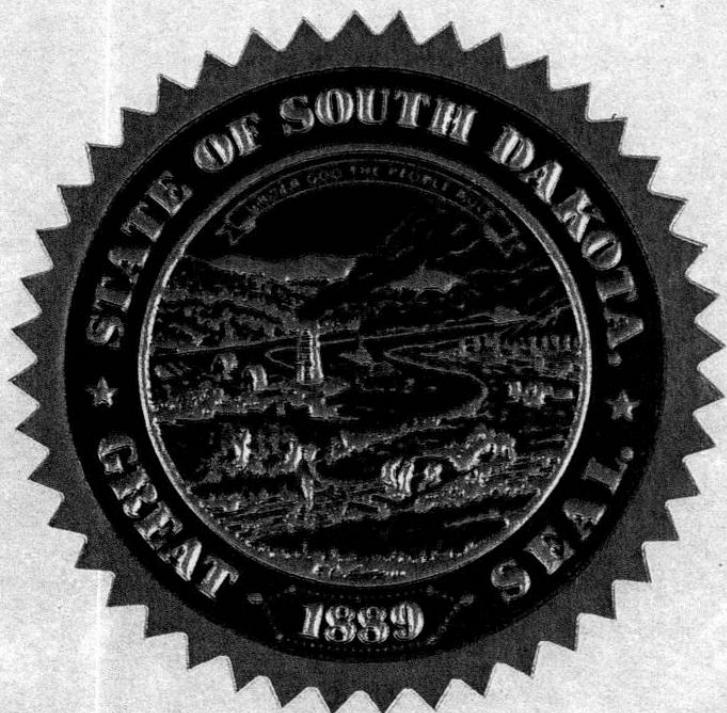
*Whereas*, During the month of October, efforts will be intensified to promote public understanding of domestic violence and to increase sensitivity of victims emphasizing the need for citizen involvement in efforts to reduce domestic violence through public education and changing public attitudes; and,

*Whereas*, Local victim service agencies throughout the state will be promoting their services to increase community support for their agencies and increase awareness of the healing potential for survivors:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2017 as

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State